



Cultural Arts & Community Events March 2012 Calendar Of Events

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City of Las Vegas website: www.lasvegasparksandrec.com

PROGRAMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Ethnic Express International Folk Dancing (ages 8+)

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Cost: \$4 dollars per person per week. Pay at the door.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., (702) 229-6383.

Have an evening of international fun learning Armenian, Bulgarian, Israeli, Arabic, Macedonian, Russian, Greek, Turkish, Chinese and Serbian folk dances and more. No need to bring a partner. For more information, call 229-6383 or visit www.ethnicexpresslasvegas.org.

Scottish Country Dancing (ages 13+)

Fridays, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per person at the door; \$4 for members of Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., (702) 229-6383.

Scottish country dancing celebrates the beautiful ballroom dance styles of Scotland and can be lively and joyful or gentle and graceful. From the first chord to the final bow or curtsy, participants will be inspired by the driving reels, jaunty jigs, snappy strathspeys or lilting airs. Dancers should wear comfortable clothes and soft shoes. For more information, call 229-6383 or 656-9513, or visit www.artslasvegas.org.

Lucky Lady Lucy at First Friday (all ages)

Friday, March 2; First Friday hours 5 to 11 p.m.; performances begin at 6 p.m., burning at 8:15 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

South Third Street at East Colorado Avenue in downtown Las Vegas.

Enjoy fine art, food and music at First Friday in the Arts District, plus added attractions this month of fire art performances by Flameology, Nytronix and the Brotherhood of the Flame starting at 6 p.m., followed by live theatrics and musical performances by the cast and crew of the Burning Opera and The Dancetronauts of Art Car Extravaganza. The 20-foot tall Lucky Lady Lucy art project figure will be set ablaze at 8:15 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by the City of Las Vegas Arts Commission, First Friday, and The Society for Experimental Arts and Learning.

Turtle Island Quartet Concert (all ages)

Friday, March 2, 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 in advance and \$15 on event day.

Historic Fifth Street School, 401 S. Fourth St., (702) 229-3515.

This concert will celebrate the music of John Coltrane and Jimi Hendrix. These classically trained musicians — David Balakrishnan (violin, baritone violin), Mark Summer (cello), Mads Tolling (violin) and Jeremy Kittel (viola) — are internationally recognized performers and composers. The concert is supported by Target, The Nevada Arts Council, The Western States Arts Federation, the National Endowment for the Arts, Nevada School of the Arts and the Las Vegas Jazz Society. For more information on the Turtle Island Quartet, go online to <http://turtleislandquartet.com/>. Tickets may be purchased online at www.artslasvegas.org or by calling (702) 229-3515.

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Auditions for Rainbow Company's "Sleeping Beauty" (ages 12-adult)

Saturday, March 3, 1 p.m.

No audition fee.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., (702) 229-6383.

Roles are available for age 12 through adult. No prepared material is required. Interested participants should wear comfortable clothing that allows for movement. "Sleeping Beauty" will be performed April 28 through May 6, at Charleston Heights Arts Center. For more information, call (702) 229-6553.

Contra Dances with live band (all ages)

Saturdays, March 3, 24. Group lesson 6:30 p.m.; dance 7 to 10 p.m.

Cost: \$7 adults; \$5 members, students and military; \$3 children under 16 and non-dancing adults. Pay at the door.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., (702) 229-6383.

Dance to the live music of an acoustic band playing joyful fiddle tunes, driving reels and a waltz or two. All dances are taught and called; newcomers and families are welcomed. No need to bring a partner. Wear comfortable flat-soled shoes and casual clothing. For more information, call 656-9513 or 229-6383. Cosponsored by the Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers.

Vegas Valley Book Festival Pre-Festival Book Group Mixer

Tuesday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.

Free and open to the public.

Centennial Hills Library, 6711 N. Buffalo Drive, (702) 507-6107.

Detective Christopher Baughman, will lead a discussion of his book "Off The Street," and will sign books. Members of the Centennial Hills Readers Circle and other groups will share thoughts on some of their current favorite titles and authors and share their groups' success stories. Light refreshments will be served. No registration required. For more information, call (702) 507-6107 or go online to www.vegasvalleybookfestival.org.

The KWAK Ballet Company (all ages)

Saturday, March 10, 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 in advance and \$15 on event day.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., (702) 229-6383.

Enjoy an afternoon of classical ballet with the KWAK Ballet Company, featuring talented Kyudong Kwak and Yoomie Lee. Kwak and Lee stood center stage for 20 years with the Universal Ballet and Seoul Ballet Theatre in Korea, as well as being former principal dancers of the Nevada Ballet Theatre. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 229-6383 or visit www.artslasvegas.org.

Downtown Cultural Series Concert - Gary Anderson Jazz Quintet (all ages)

Friday, March 16, at noon.

Free and open to the public.

Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse Jury Assembly Room, 333 Las Vegas Blvd. South.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Driftwood Fire concert originally scheduled for March 16 has been canceled. Instead, the public is invited to bring lunch and enjoy the Gary Anderson Jazz Quintet. Tenor saxophonist Gary Anderson and his jazz quintet will feature the West Coast cool jazz music of Anderson's youth. Performing with Gary are Tom Hall (saxophone), Cocho Arbe (piano), Steve Flora (bass) and John Plows (drums). Call (702) 229-3515 for more information.

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Community Roots Theatre Presents “Literature That Lives: An Afternoon With Walter Mason”

Saturday, March 17, 3 to 4 p.m. Admission is free, but a ticket is required.

West Las Vegas Arts Center Gallery, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., (702) 229-4800.

Walter Mason will present a collection of spoken words with music of correlative themes that has become a vital part of his life. A reception will follow immediately after the performance. Call the West Las Vegas Arts Center at 229-4800 to reserve your ticket.

St. Patrick’s Day Dance with Carl Grove Combo (all ages)

Saturday, March 17, 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$15 on event day.

Charleston Heights Arts Center Ballroom, 800 S. Brush St., (702) 229-6383.

Enjoy an evening of Big Band era music and dancing with veteran Las Vegas tenor saxophonist Carl Grove and his six piece combo. Carl played with the U.S. Navy band before joining the Gene Krupa, Woody Herman and Russ Morgan orchestras. To purchase tickets or for more information, call (702) 229-6383 or visit www.artslasvegas.org.

Vegas Valley Book Festival Pre-Festival Event - “The Romance of Words”

Saturday, March 17, 9 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

Chapel of the Flowers, 1717 Las Vegas Blvd. South

The Vegas Valley Book Festival celebrates romance writing in America with seven best-selling romance authors in a spirited presentation at the Chapel of the Flowers. Authors Ann Aguirre, Zoe Archer, Vivian Arend, Lauren Dane, Tessa Dare, Megan Hart and Courtney Milan will read short excerpts from their novels. These celebrated authors will share their insights and passions in contributing to the most popular writing genre in America today. A local couple, selected through a community-wide contest, will renew their vows as part of the evening. The authors’ books will be for sale at the site with a reception and book signings to follow. This event is sponsored by the Vegas Valley Book Festival, Barnes and Noble and Chapel of the Flowers. For more information, call (702) 229-5431.

Women’s Day Celebration 2012 (ages 15+)

“Finding Our Balance In Mind, Body & Spirit...Sustaining Harmony”

Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Admission is free, but a ticket and advance registration are required. Call 229-4800 to register.

West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., (702) 229-4800.

This renewing and empowering event will focus on a woman’s mind, body and spirit, as she purposely cultivates balance in her life and the lives of others. In pursuit of health and healing, a series of specialized workshops will be offered throughout the event to create and sustain harmony. Women are asked to wear comfortable active wear for ease and confidence to participate in the workshops. Each woman is encouraged to bring another. The event is co-sponsored by the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, West Las Vegas Library.

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Exhibitions**Year of the Dragon Exhibition** (all ages)

Through March 11, by appointment.

Admission is free.

Historic Fifth Street School Mayor's Gallery, 401 S. Fourth St., (702) 229-1012.

An invitational exhibit where the artists have focused on the meaning and imagery behind the Chinese Year of the Dragon. For more information, call (702) 229-1012, visit www.artslasvegas.org, or watch http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0O073X0Ljo0&safety_mode=true&persist_safety_mode=1.

“Short Stories” Exhibit**Artist Bobby Ross**

Through March 17, Wednesday through Friday, 12:30 to 9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Free admission and open to the public.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., (702) 229-6383.

At the heart of these didactic narratives are homelessness, aging, religious intolerance and environmental degradation. Ross' graphite drawings are unplanned composites, highly detailed and filled with intricate patterns and textures. Call 229-1012 for more information.

“VegasScapes” Exhibit (all ages)

March 5-**May 1**, Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (note change)

Artists Reception Thursday, March 8, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Free admission and open to the public.

City Hall Chamber Gallery, 495 S. Main St., Second Floor, (702) 229-1012.

This is the first exhibit in the new City Hall Chamber Gallery. This space generally will feature two-dimensional works of art. The work shown in this first exhibit includes paintings and pastels of cityscapes from downtown Las Vegas and the surrounding areas. Artists included in the exhibit are Abraham Abebe, Jane Marquez, and Kathleen Strukoff. Visitors may use the parking garage located at 500 S. Main St., across from City Hall. Parking will be by paid meter only. Call (702) 229-1012 for more information or visit www.artslasvegas.org.

“Mama’s Fabric” Visual Arts Exhibit**Artist John Broussard**

Through May 5; Wednesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free admission and open to the public.

West Las Vegas Arts Center Gallery, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., (702) 229-4800.

"Mama's Fabric" centers on Beatrice Dixon, an extraordinary mother who was a community organizer and who believed deeply in the goodness of people and in the American dream. She became a mother figure to people from all walks of life, and once it became known that she had a passion for sewing, people began providing her with beautiful pieces of fabric. She passed away in 2002, at the age of 90. As a result of her passion for people and sewing, the artist combined her collection of fabrics with his photographic skills to bring more than 30 Americans from diverse ethnic backgrounds together to tell about their family's journey through America and how they feel about being an American. For more information, call 229-4800.

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UNLV Student Sculpture Exhibit (all ages)

March 5-May 31, Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Free admission and open to the public.

City Hall Terrace Gallery, 495 S. Main St., Second Floor, (702) 229-1012.

This is the first exhibit in the new City Hall Terrace Gallery. This gallery will feature three-dimensional works of art. This first exhibit will highlight work by artists attending the UNLV Art Department for their master's degrees. Those artists are Austin Dickson, Noelle Garcia, Scott Grow, Fred Mitchell, and Heather Younger. Visitors may use the parking garage located at 500 S. Main St., across from City Hall. Parking will be by paid meter only. Call (702) 229-1012 for more information or visit www.artslasvegas.org.

“Viva les Femmes” Exhibit

March 15-May 7; open during reception and by appointment.

Artists Reception Thursday, March 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Historic Fifth Street School Mayor's Gallery, 401 S. Fourth St., (702) 229-1012.

This is a collection of artwork by and about women in celebration of March as Women's Heritage month. Artists' statements will be displayed with each piece to elaborate on how each piece is tied to women's heritage. Artists featured in the exhibit are Lauren Adkins, Muriel Areno, Linda Alterwitz, Randa Bishop, Shari Bray, Ginger Bruner, Diane Bush, Lisa Fields Clark, Margaret DeClerk, Lolita Develay, Fawn Douglas, Marylou Evans, Amanda Farrar, Susanne Forestieri, Leslie Fox, Noelle Garcia, Rose Herrera-Garcia, Merrilee Hottt, Bobbie Ann Howell, Jennifer Kleven, Briney Lindemuth, Jane Marquez, Beth McCall, Emily Phelan, Diane Pink, Deirdre Pope, Susanne Reese, Vicki Richardson, Aldema Ridge, Delores Rizk, Judi Rosenthal, Rita Schoonmaker, Kathleen Strukoff, Sandra Ward, Lynda Whitehair and Mikayla Whitmore. Call (702) 229-1012 for more information or visit www.artslasvegas.org.

“Virasat” (Heritage) Exhibit**Artist Mario Kiran**

March 22-**April 25**, Wednesday-Friday, 12:30 to 9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. **(note change)**

Free admission and open to the public.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., (702) 229-6383.

Originally from East India, Mario Kiran earned his master's degree in painting in South Dakota. His work is camouflaged with images of people he met and places he traveled. About his work he says, “When we embark on a journey to a foreign land, we meet new people, pass small towns and experience new cultures. Very rarely do we notice and remember the architecture, clothing, costumes and the spoken language of the small towns that we pass through. As for a plain man like myself, I relate my discoveries in a visual tale that my audiences are free to interpret with their own experiences.” This exhibit will include prints and mixed media constructions. Call (702) 229-1012 for more information or visit www.artslasvegas.org.

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